

Announcements

International Society of Nephrology

Any elected member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for membership in the International Society of Nephrology, receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*, and participation in the 1975 *International Congress* at a one-third reduction in the registration fee. A subscription to *Kidney International* for calendar year 1973 is included in the annual 1973 dues of US \$33.00. Individuals who are already members should remit their 1973 dues directly to Dr. Neal S. Bricker, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10461, U.S.A. Checks should be made payable to the *International Society of Nephrology*. Potential new members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. Herman Villarreal, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, Departamento de Nefrologia, Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia, Avenida Cuauhtemoc 300, Mexico 7, D.F. Checks for the first year's annual dues (US \$33.00) should be enclosed with the completed application (made payable to the *International Society of Nephrology*).

Meetings

The *Fifth Annual Nephrology Seminar* of the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease of the American Heart Association will be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas on March 11–12, 1974. The theme of the program will be "The Kidney in Systemic Disease." Interested individuals should write directly to Dr. Wadi N. Suki, Program Director, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77025.

The *Third International Symposium of Pediatric Nephrology* will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Mayflower Hotel, September 28 to October 1, 1974. Information can be obtained by writing: Dr. Charles E. Hollerman, Georgetown University Medical Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, U.S.A.

A joint meeting of the *European Society of Paediatric Nephrology*, the *European Society of Paediatric Research*, and the *Working Group on Mineral Metabolism* will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, on July 9–13, 1974. Information can be obtained from Prof. E. Gautier, Service de Pédiatrie, Hôpital Cantonal Universitaire, Lausanne, Switzerland.

American Society for Artificial Internal Organs Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 1974 *A.S.A.I.O. Fellowship* with the deadline for receipt of the application on February 1, 1974. Eligibility for the Fellowship will require residence either in the United States or Canada, and minimum prior training will be an M.D. degree and completion of internship or candidacy for a doctorate in science or engineering. The Fellowship stipend will be \$10,000 for one year with a \$1,000 laboratory grant. For further information contact Ms. Karen K. Burke, Executive Secretary, ASAIO National Office, Box 777, Boca Raton, Florida 33432, U.S.A.

Book Review

The Ciba Collection of Medical Illustrations. Kidneys, Ureters and Urinary Bladder, Vol. 1, NETTER, FRANK H., edited by SHAPTER, ROBERT K., YONKMAN, FREDERICK F., 312 pp, illustrated, New Jersey, Ciba, 1973. Price: US \$31.50.

For the sixth time in 20 years, Dr. Frank Netter has devoted his interpretative and artistic talents to the production of a magnificently illustrated volume on a single organ system. Since many important texts in the field of kidney disease are now available, it is fair to ask: what, other than beautiful pictures, does this offer? It is neither an in-depth reference work nor a comprehensive textbook. It is, however, an extremely clear presentation of anatomical functional and technical concepts that are often misunderstood by relatively sophisticated students of the subject. Knowledge of the urinary system has grown too fast to allow Dr. Netter to draw on material which is universally accepted. He has therefore given an unqualified explanation of the detailed anatomy and function of some systems which are still under very active investigation. The result is a model of clarity of language and visual presentation. It is also the principal weakness of the book. Because it presents today's standard wisdom of the complex relation between anatomy and function, it will be relatively easy for the specialist to find "errors." This problem is overshadowed by the total impact of the book. It is beautifully illustrated on heavy low-gloss paper. The editor, Dr. Robert Shapter, has used Netter's 236 illustrations appropriately mixed with good light, electron and fluorescence photomicroscopy in a clear format. The associate editors, Dr. E. Lovell

Becker and Dr. Jacop Churg have gathered a remarkable group of 45 contributors, all acknowledged experts in their field, to help Dr. Netter understand and interpret. The tightly edited text fits with the illustrations and is good material in its own right.

This book is organized into eight sections: anatomy; structure and embryology; physiology; diagnostic techniques; diseases of the kidney; the kidney in systemic diseases; diseases of the urinary system; congenital and hereditary disorders; and therapeutics. The portions on anatomy, renal physiology and tumors are remarkably well balanced. Some portions provide unusual stress and others are underdone (e.g., 2 or 3 pages on clinical immunogenetics would have added to the section on transplantation). Several of the sections are especially clear and concise. The concepts of clearance and tubular maximum

combine useful diagrams, graphs and simple equations in a manner which provides ample opportunity to grasp the subject. The crisp discussion on immunological mechanisms and nosology of glomerulonephritis is refreshing and nicely illustrated. The table of contents and index are complete and allow rapid perusal of available information. The bibliography is well selected. This book, prepared by one of the foremost medical educators of our time, will be a valuable addition to every medical library and to the materials of faculties teaching the urinary system in an organ-system curriculum. Investigators and clinicians charged with the responsibility to teach concepts of renal function and disease several times a year will welcome this inexpensive aid. One additional feature, the availability of each illustrated plate as a 35 mm 2" × 2" transparency (slide), adds to its value. *Robert A. Gutman.*